

The census shows that the number of idiots and lunatics in the country is as large again as it appeared to be a year ago, and surprise is expressed in some quarters at this exhibit. Nothing has been brought out, however, to astonish those who are familiar with the subject. The lack of positive and convincing evidence, on this point, is no doubt owing to the fact that a majority of men dislike to reveal their family secrets. But there is no question but that insanity is really on the increase. The statistics of those states which keep accurate records of admissions to and discharges from institutions, distinguishing persons from "cases," are sufficient evidence of this fact.

It is now said that Ireland, governor of the State of Texas, started in life as a host for \$8 a month, and no doubt worked on the principle that "a shod horse is soonest curried."

THE resolution passed by the board of supervisors, asking for proposals for bids, was introduced by the advice of the district attorney. It was a subject never broached to the board until it was urged upon them by their legal adviser.

Indian massacre in Chihuahua.
ALBUQUERQUE, Dec. 7.—News has been received of a terrible massacre of Americans and Mexicans, by Ju and his band, in Chihuahua. The Indians have been very active, of late, in predatory excursions, stealing and raiding, and the settlers formed a party of about twenty men and started in pursuit. They were surprised, near Casa Grande, by Ju and his band, numbering 200, and completely surrounded. One of the party escaped through the lines and went to a settlement for aid, soon returning with a band of thirty men. The Indians held the succeeding party at bay, and meanwhile massacred the entire party, which had been surprised, and then retreated towards the mountains.

Governor Tabor and John E. Wurtzelbach are about to bring suit against the Sierra Grande Mining Co., Lake Valley, for \$200,000 damages, for alleged breach of contract. Eminent counsel of Santa Fe and Denver have been retained to conduct the case.

The people of Silver City openly declare that if the railroad now building to them is to be made a narrow gauge, they will resist the issuing of the bonds.

Following appointments were sent

to | EDINBURGH, Dec. 9.—Sir Hu
Allen died suddenly this morning.